

In the Specification:

Please amend paragraphs [0001], [0004], [0005], and [0007] of the application as follows.

[0001] The invention relates to a convertible vehicle with at least one flexible front and one rigid rear area ~~according to the preamble of Claim 1 and the preamble of Claim 3.~~

[0004] The invention solves this problem with a convertible vehicle ~~with the features of Claim 1~~ having a front roof area that includes several lateral frame parts, lying one behind the other, which can be folded toward each other, at least in essentially horizontal axes, and can be covered by a rear roof area in a stored position and a convertible vehicle ~~with the features of Claim 3~~ where a front roof area has several lateral frame parts, lying one behind the other, and the rearmost lateral frame part is a component of a rigid rear roof area, which can be implemented individually or in combination with each other. Advantageous embodiments of the object of the invention can be seen throughout the Claims in the additional Claims 2 and 4 through 11.

[0005] Through the design, ~~according to Claim 1 according to the invention,~~ a conventional folding mechanism is created in the front roof area, which has long been known in fully flexible convertible tops and is therefore easy to handle. Through the foldability of the lateral frame parts, no synchronization problems are produced and the folded section already enters the position required for opening by its own weight. A situation is therefore prevented in which opposite longitudinal side areas are moved rearward at different speeds during roof opening, making the flexible roof area slanted.

[0007] In the design ~~according to the invention according to Claim 3, which is advantageously combined with the features of Claims 1 and 2,~~ the mechanism is simplified. By rigid connection of the rear lateral frame part to the rear rigid roof part, no separate movement mechanism need be provided for the lateral frame part. This frame part, which extends upward from the window parapet line and is often also referred to as the main column, can then be moved with the rigid rear roof part without its own drive or control requirements.